



Dear Chris Burns,

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2018.1292

On the 27/12/2018 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

1. Does the Special Constabulary currently have a rank structure?

If yes:

2. What are the names of the ranks?
3. What rank insignia do they use? (Please provide pictures if possible)
4. When did the Special Constabulary move to their current insignia?
5. Does the force use any force emblems on their rank sliders/epaulettes? If so, please describe or include image.
6. If the insignia differs from regular officers, are there any plans to transition to match regular officers?
7. Does the force use the SC and Crown to identify Special Constables?
8. Are any collar number prefixes, suffixes or other divisional markings used to identify Special Constables?

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 s1, I can confirm that Gloucestershire Constabulary holds some relevant information.

1. & 2. The Gloucestershire Special Constabulary has a rank structure as follows:

Constable
Sergeant
Inspector
Chief Inspector
Chief Officer

3. Please see the following illustration:



4. The Gloucestershire Special Constabulary moved to this insignia in 2014.
5. The Constabulary does not use any force emblems on their epaulettes.

6. Yes there are plans to transition the insignia to match regular officers but it is still in the proposal stages.
7. The Constabulary does not currently use the SC and Crown to identify Special Constables.
8. All Constabulary Special Constables collar numbers start with an 8 or a 6.

If you are not satisfied with this response or any actions taken in dealing with your request, you have the right to ask that we review your case under our internal procedure. Please note that a request for an internal review must be made within 20 working days of the response to your original request.

If you decide to request that such a review is undertaken and following this process you are still unsatisfied, you then have the right to direct your complaint to the Information Commissioner for consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs G Macpherson
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